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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending.

In claim 1, lines 6 and 7, "upper flange" is changed to the broader term "upper portion" to eliminate any limitation that the upper portion of each side wall segment constitute a flange.

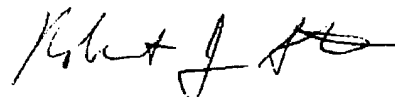
The following changes are intended merely to improve the clarity of the claims without changing their scope:

In claim 1, line 5, "side wall" is inserted before "segment" to clarify the antecedent basis of "side wall segment" at lines 5-6, 9 and 11 and to facilitate referring to each segment by the concise term "side wall segment" instead of "segment of the inlet manifold side wall".

The remaining changes to the paragraph at claim 1, lines 5-8, merely clarify that the "upper portion" and "upper flange" in lines 7-8 refer to the upper portion and upper flange of "that" side wall segment.

Similar amendments are made to each of the other independent claims 13, 15 and 17.

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